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FOR: SEPARATOR OF PROTON EXCHANGE FUEL CELL AND ITS  
MANUFACTURING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A separator of a proton exchange fuel cell, comprising:
- a separator substrate; and
  - a multi-coating layer formed on said separator substrate;
- said multi-coating layer including at least two layers selected from the group consisting of a low electric resistance layer, a corrosion resistance layer and a peeling resistance layer.

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